



Derry Conservation Commission
14 Manning St
Derry, NH 03038

Minutes of Public Meeting Oct 16th, 2023

On October 16th, 2023, the Derry Conservation Commission met at the Derry Municipal Center, 3rd floor meeting room at 7:00 pm. The following members were present in person: James Degnan (Chair), Will Lowenthal, Bob Boonstra, Rick Buzzanga, Bob Spoerl, Eileen Chabot, and Jeannie Cunningham. Following members were absent; Grace Reisdorf, Margie Ives. Jeannie Cunningham sat for Grace Reisdorf. Council Liaison Erin Spencer was attending via zoom.

Approval of Minutes:

Rick Buzzanga motions to approve the minutes of Approval of Minutes of 8/21/23. Bob Boonstra seconds. Eileen Chabot and Bob Spoerl abstain. All else in favor. Motion Carries.

Approval of minutes of 10/2/2023 held off to confirm Eileen Chabot's commentary on the culvert off Island Pond Rd.

Chair's Report, Correspondence & Bills:

NHACC- Dues are due for 2024. Will be address in other business tonight.

Site Plan Follow Up: 71 Birch St Tax Map 28 Lot 002 and Subdivision Plan Tax Map 25 Lot 014-001 presented by Nick Loring Benchmark Engineering

Prior to starting discussions. Chair recuses himself from discussion and leaves. Rick Buzzanga to lead discussion.

Rick Buzzanga starts by advising a site walk was completed on this project. In attendance from the commission was Rick Buzzanga, Bob Boonstra, and Grace Reisdorf.

Nick Loring stated nothing has changed on the subdivision plan as presented at meeting on Oct 2nd. In regards to the site plan off Kendall Pond, Nick Loring asked the commission to review page 2A. Catch basins # 1 and #2 had been added to the plan. Septic Tank location has been identified in the upper right of the lot. It will be a pump up system onsite. Snow storage has

been marked on Sheet 3. Invasive species note has been added on sheet 1; note 26. Commission was concerned at the first meeting on the culvert length and access risk. Nick Loring has added a trash guard attachment to specs that limit wildlife or human entrance into the culvert. The trash guard will need to be maintained and inspected to ensure culvert is operating effectively. Will Lowenthal asked for clarity on the pump up system as well as risk for leaching into wetland. Nick Loring stated its properly set back from the wetland and topography of the location slopes back toward the parking lot vs the wetland. Rick Buzzanga asked about abutter to the south and some erosion from the abutter onto the site. Nick Loring stated it has been addressed with the abutter. David Benedict stated hay bales and new silt fencing has been installed. Eileen Chabot stated at the last meeting the discussion around erosion control was to be a combination of silt fence and straw bales; on the presented drawing only silt fence is shown. David Benedict stated in discussions with Code Enforcement he was advised mulch berm and silt fence was acceptable. Rick Buzzanga requested that any bale used on site be marked on plan as straw.

Recorders note: In 10/2/23 meeting applicant did agree to use straw bales and silt fence. Though it was not discussed at that time what code enforcement had advised on.

Will Lowenthal asked for additional commissioner notes from the site walk. Rick Buzzanga stated the applicant has performed considerable improvements to the site. Rick Buzzanga noted the future house location was currently of low value and in need of invasive removal. Bob Boonstra stated that although we have seen considerable rain recently the wetland onsite was generally soggy vs wet (in the center of the site). Will Lowenthal asked about getting a bi yearly monitoring report. Applicant was amenable.

Bob Boonstra motions for Vice Chair to sign the plan for 71 Birch St Tax Map 28 Lot 002. Will Lowenthal seconds. Roll Call vote. Will Lowenthal -Y Bob Boonstra-Y Rick Buzzanga-Y Bob Spoerl-Y Eileen Chabot-Y Jeannie Cunningham-Y. Motion Carries.

Nick Loring gave a brief summary of the subdivision plan. Rick Buzzanga gave a brief summary of the sitewalk. No additional discussion or questions were presented.

Will Lowenthal motions for Vice Chair to sign the subdivision plan. Bob Spoerl seconds. Roll Call vote. Will Lowenthal -Y Bob Boonstra-Y Rick Buzzanga-Y Bob Spoerl-Y Eileen Chabot-Y Jeannie Cunningham-Y. Motion Carries.

Other Conservation Activities

Chair was invited back to return to the board.

NHACC Invoice for Dues: 825.00 for 2024

Rick Buzzanga motions to pay 825.00 out of the administration account. Eileen Chabot Seconds. All in Favor. Motion Carries.

NHACC Meeting Registration Fee: \$60.00 Eileen Chabot presented bill; Jeannie Cunningham will send in next week.

Rick Buzzanga motions to pay 60.00 out of the administration account for any attending commissioner. Will Lowenthal Seconds. Eileen Chabot and Jeannie Cunningham abstain. All else in Favor. Motion Carries.

Broadview Farm Mowing: contract entered mowing happening next Friday.

Broadview Garden: Thefts reported.

Adjournment:

Rick Buzzanga motions to end the meeting. Jeannie Cunningham Seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting Adjourns 7:42pm

Recorder: James Degnan